

The Observer

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Changes in Schweiterman Hall possible for 1997

by Ashley Pierce

In August of 1997, seniors will have a new option in their residence halls.

It is being proposed that the first floor of Schweiterman Hall be turned into a Senior dorm in which alcohol is permissible. Residents would need to be seniors who are 21 or older to live in the dorms. The suites would be for 3-4 people. "It would be a senior year experience with special programs and an emphasis on career development," commented Vice President for Student Affairs Bill Maniscalco.

The special programming would include career seminars, guest speakers, and other useful seminars. "It would be a community gathering based on dormitory and also real world experiences," stated Maniscalco. Things

such as financial issues, like purchasing a new car or home would be covered in some of the programs. These programs would provide seniors with "information people need to start their lives" outside of college, according to Maniscalco.

The hall needs to undergo renovations before it will be ready to be turned into senior suites, and the rates for the rooms have not yet been decided upon. "Some improvements need to be made over the course of the next year," said Maniscalco.

Changing Schweiterman into a senior year residence hall will provide a different experience for students. According to Maniscalco, the senior suites will "give us (SJC) great op-

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Parker accepts presidency at Anna Maria College

by Jeffrey Kirch

Bernard Parker, Vice President for Academic Affairs, has accepted the Presidency of Anna Maria College in Worcester, Massachusetts.

Parker said, "I will be the first lay President and the first male President of the college."

Parker cited personal and professional reasons for

accepting the position. He said, "My strengths match the needs of the college."

"Saint Joseph's has helped me learn about general education, especially the Core Curriculum," Parker said.

After serving three years as Vice President, Parker believes he has left behind a legacy. "My legacy

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Money from the Lilly Grant could mean improved computer labs. Here, a student works on Netscape at one of the two labs where the service is available.

Lilly Endowment offers SJC grant

by Jeffrey Kirch

The Lilly Endowment, Inc. has contacted Saint Joseph's College and offered the College a \$50,000 to prepare a proposal for a \$1.5 million dollar grant.

Thirteen other institutions in Indiana were contacted. This grant is a non-competitive grant, therefore all 13 schools have the possibility of getting money.

According to The Lilly Endowment, the purpose is to, "Maximize the number of Indiana high school graduates who attend Indiana Institutions of higher education, graduate from them with a baccalaureate degree and find employment in Indiana."

President Albert Shannon said, "A \$50,000 planning grant will be given to Saint Joseph's so that a for-

mal grant application can be studied and written." After the grant is written, final decisions will be made by December 12, 1996.

Non-traditional uses for the money was highly encouraged by Lilly. Such uses could mean improved computer services, more science labs, improved library resources, and other general campus improvements. Also, seminars, workshops, and internships are a possibility.

Shannon said, "The money could be used as leverage to earn more money. Almost anything is possible. We, as a College, need to brainstorm ideas."

President Shannon has already received numerous ideas from faculty members. Shannon said, "A steering committee of faculty and staff will be formed to imple-

ment, write, and administer the grant. Student input could come from student forums."

Junior Jason Grzegorek said, "I think that some of the money should be used to modernize the College Theatre. Then, some of the recruiting can be directed at theatre majors."

"I believe the money should be used for an expanded Macintosh lab and for academic scholarships for students who prove that they can perform well here," said freshman Chris Greski.

Shannon said, "The opportunity for all members of the SJC community to participate in the planning for the future and the development of the shared vision is upon us. I'm convinced that the committee will maximize this challenge."

Students react to opinion about Catholic values at SJC

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the opinion written by William Shannon entitled "Student feels there is a lack of Catholic values at SJC." I personally was floored at the absolute ignorance demonstrated in this article. It saddened me to think that individuals in this day and age can have such a closed-minded outlook.

The first part of the article that I became upset with was the concept that ideas that opposed the "thinking and rationale of the Catholic Church" do not lead to a Catholic education. Well, I for one would rather have a good, well-rounded education than a Catholic education.

Without being given opposing views and thoughts on any subject matter, students are not given the option to look at all possibilities, and come to their own conclusions. With the, "This Is How It Is" approach to teaching, students are taught to accept whatever is handed to them rather than think for themselves, no matter what the subject matter is.

The next part of this article that bothered me was the idea that preference should be given to Catholic professors before non-Catholic ones. Besides feeling that this idea is an archaic way of thinking, but I also think that this contradicts basic Christian values. I feel that by dis-

missing applicants simply because of faith, the college would be projecting a "holier than thou" attitude.

The next and probably most disturbing idea is that of admitting Catholic students first and foremost before non-Catholics. If this was the way the college was run, I would have absolutely NO interest in attending or applying for this school. I see college as a training ground for "The Real World."

Out there, you do not pick and choose the people you will work with on a day to day basis, and chances are

you will have to deal with people who do not share your beliefs. This approach to restoring Catholic values is simply a way of sheltering.

All in all, I feel that closing the doors on non-Catholics at St. Joe's is witless and bull-headed thought. In this day and age, the walls that separate people of different ethnic, social, AND religious backgrounds should be nonexistent. And as I recall, the Golden Rule does not state "Love thy Catholic neighbor as thy Catholic self."

Shannon McDonald

Beginning this week, there will be an envelope for letters to the editor on the bulletin board in front of the cafeteria in Halleck Center. Students are encouraged to write us regarding any on- or off-campus issues that concern them. Letters to the editor may also be e-mailed to Rachel Barlage or dropped off at *The Observer* office in Dwenger Hall. Please see the bottom corner of this page for guidelines to letters to the editor. *The Observer* is a student newspaper, and we welcome your opinions and suggestions. Please let us know if you feel that there are any changes that we could make to improve the quality of *The Observer*.--The Editors

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"Honestly? Well, the turkey is kind of dry, and these are just about the blandest potatoes I've ever eaten."

Dear Editor,

The editorial/opinion piece that was written in the last issue of *The Observer* titled, "Student Feels There is a Lack of Catholic values at SJC," promptly caught my eye. I truly respect William Shannon's concern and argument, but I mark many incongruities in the body of his article. I would like to point out that the entire Saint Joseph's College community is not Catholic and many who are do not practice all the teachings of the Catholic faith.

This is easily noticed by those who do the sign of the cross differently in Sunday mass and by many class discussions that are geared toward ethics and morals. I respect my religious beliefs to the highest level and see it as an insult for others to disregard them. I took it to heart, as if students/faculty who practice other religious denominations are a clear minority in Shannon's eyes.

My eyes started to water when I read the statement that Catholic students should be given first preference in the final admissions decision. Your argument focused on the assertion that, "this would work towards

providing a Catholic atmosphere on campus that seems a bit lacking at the current time."

How on earth can we provide a Catholic atmosphere when there are daily movies that portray great extremes of sex, drugs, racism and violence that are televised and directed through the College on Channel 6? Instead of focusing on students and faculty, wouldn't it be reasonable to focus on other internal sources?

I would like to end my letter stating that I respect Saint Joseph's College as a Catholic Institution, but that it is important to remember that not everyone is Catholic and that there is no written law that all must practice one religion.

I would die for Jesus Christ and love the community that surrounds me. Isn't that enough to be treated fairly as a student of Saint Joseph's College and spread the word of Jesus Christ? Why do we need special restrictions for non-Catholic student/faculty admission into the Saint Joseph's community? I really don't understand.

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--Schweiterman Hall

tions" in housing for students. Many of the changes of the residence halls have been influenced by the housing surveys which were handed out earlier in the semester. "It reinforced the decision. Students were interested in privacy and quiet, and it gives seniors some other options," commented Maniscalco.

Students have a positive attitude to the changes in the residence halls, too.

Phase recognized for excellence

The 1995 St. Joseph's College yearbook has been reecognized with an Award of Merit by Taylor Publishing Company. This award honors the book's excellence in outstanding yearbook achievement.

Phase is advised by Chris Keith who is assisted by PK Mathew. The editor in chief is Sophmore Kathleen Brass. Their office is located on the third floor of Halleck.

Books published by Taylor between October 2, 1994 and October 1, 1995 wre evaluated for excellence in one or more of these areas: cover design, theme development, page design and

Sophomore Heather Moser commented, "It will give students more choices when selecting which residence hall to live in."

Freshman Stephen Giles said, "By opening up Schweiterman Hall to seniors, the Administration is telling them (the seniors) that Saint Joseph's College is really here to help students live in the 'real' world and that they are trustworthy. I think it is a great idea!"

copywriting.

"Only a small percentage of staffs receive this Award of Merit," said Alan Heath, Vice President of Marketing for Taylor. "These staffs have set high goals for their yearbooks and reached them. We are very proud of their efforts and commitment to excellence in journalism. Taylor Publising Company, headquartered in Dallas, Texas, is a major publisher of yearbooks nationwide. They provide training, computers, and printing services to college yearbook staffs.

Phase yearbooks will go on sale after the Easter break.

Mock Trial team finishes a second succesful season

by Julia Garcia

On Thursday, March 14, the Mock Trial team of Saint Joseph's College boarded a plane at O'Hare Airport headed for Minnesota where they were scheduled to compete against about forty other teams from other colleges and universities.

The tournament took place at Hamline University located in Minneapolis. Weeks earlier, the team had prepared for four trials in which they would compete

against other schools from across the country.

"We did pretty well considering the competition we went up against. We faced a team that finished 2nd in the country last year, and we beat them once and lost once," stated Mark Sansone, captain of the team.

"I though we did really well considering the sizes of the schools we went up against," stated Kevin Ray, member of the team. Saint Joseph's College contended

New faculty members are chosen

by Becky Johnson

As of late March, two of the four newly expected faculty members had been chosen on the behalf of Saint Joseph's College, stated Dr. Bernard Parker. Dr. Gregory A. Diamond and Dr. Edie K. Schmidt (two of the four), were chosen by Dr. Parker, SJC faculty staff and students.

Diamond will serve as a pyschology professor while Schimdt will teach business courses.

The selection process, is an intensive process. "There are for example, resumes, telephone interviews, and in class teaching evalua-

tions of the applicants in which the top five individuals are chosen.

The top two applicants of Psychology met for several days on campus while they taught class.

Dr. Diamond has served as Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Illinois. He has also served the position of Adjuct Professor of Political Science at George Washington University and Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology at Lyon College.

Dr. Schmidt has served as a Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant at

Purdue University's, Krannert School of Business. She has served as Manufacturing Systems Consultant, Senior Applications Analyst, and Business systems Analyst.

One student said, "It is nice to see new professionals coming to Saint Joseph's as long as they are willing to share their information with students in an exciting teaching fashion."

According to Dr. Parker, "Full time tenure positions will start in August." Dr. Diamond will be replacing Professor Miller and Dr. Schmidt will be replacing Dr. Slaby.

---Parker continued

would include such things as improvements in the Personnel area of my office. I am proud of the faculty that have been hired at SJC while I was here."

Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and professor of psy:chology David Chattin will serve as interim Vice President. In October of 1996, a national search will be conducted to find a permanent replacement.

"Dr. Chattin is familiar with the (Vice President's)

office and everything should run smoothly," Parker said.

Several staff members have announced that they will be leaving this year. These include Dean of Admissions, Lou Levy, Special Assistant to the President Allen Berger, and Philosphy professor Mark Johnson.

David Hoover, current Financial Aid director will become the new Dean of EnrollmentManagement with responsibilities for admissions, financial aid, and athletics.

Parker said, "Saint Joseph's College has a stable faculty. Only one professor is leaving. Promotions are not a problem. They are a reflection on the calibre of faculty at Saint Joseph's."

Emily Karol, the Student Representative to the Academic Cabinet said, "Dr. Parker was easy to work with, had a good rapport with students, and was respected by students and faculty alike."

Parker said, "The future at St. Joseph's College is really bright."

against top-ranked schools such as Howard University, which has ranked in the top ten for the past couple of years.

Saint Joseph's Col-

"We did pretty well considering the competition we went up against."

lege finished with a record of 3-4-1. In the area of defense, the team finished seventh. Mark Sansone was awarded an "Outstanding Attorney"

award at the national intercollegiate level.

The Mock Trial Team is coached by Judge Robert Monfort. "Judge Monfort has been very instrumental...and has been a big reason for our success," stated William Shanon, team member. "It is a credit to our program that we can take on big schools that have law schools...considering Saint Joseph's does not have its own law school," added Shanon.

"We learned a lot about the legal process and had some fun too," stated Nicole Yerkes, member of the team.

"With only three members of the team returning from last year, I think Saint Joseph's did an excellent job against the competition," concluded Jennifer Townsend, team member.

The 1995 Mock Trial team also placed well at the National Tournament in Iowa.

Residence Halls:

Undergoing changes and proposals

by DeAnn Hazzard

The end of the year is coming close, and the completion of those wonderful "end of the year" tasks are in progress. One major task is signing up for housing, the thrill of standing in line to register for a room that is pretty much identical to the room a student now lives in, give or take the difference in a coat of paint.

This year however, the Housing Process (Room Selection—April 9-10) has incorporated a few changes. According to Chris Zanowski, Head of Student Life, a new housing option for next year includes two smoke free floors: Noll First and Justin First East. Gallagher Hall and Halas Hall by the school year 1998-1999 will also be smoke free. In addition to the college policy of no smoking in the public areas of a residence hall, on smoke free floors there is no smoking in the rooms of the students. Zanowski points out that the reasons for these smoke free floors is the health hazards surrounding smoking and second-hand smoke to non-smokers.

"Gallagher and Halas Hall were chosen to be entirely smoke free by 1998-1999 in consideration of establishment of a "wellness" concept within these halls," said Zanowski.

In addition to the smoke free floors, another change in the housing process is the use of lofts in student rooms. According to Zanowski, lofts that are built by students are still prohibited due to fire, safety and liability considerations, but a compromise has been reached which allows stu-

dents to incorporate a loft in their room. The "Loft Bed" is from a company "Collegiate Designs" which services 500 colleges, guarantees their product, and has a hold harmless liability clause up to \$2 million on each bed. The "Loft Bed" comes in a kit which requires about an hour assembly, two wrenches, and the bed spring and mattress already provided by the college fits into the design. The "Loft Bed" costs \$100 plus mailing costs and can be purchased through the College Store. At the end of the year, it can be sold to another student or a limited number of the beds can be sold back to the College Store. An example of the Loft Bed can be seen in the Student Affairs Office or at Housing sign ups.

According to Zanowski, another variation of the loft bed "is found in traditionally designed college furniture which the college purchases through the American Desk Co." The loft kit manufactured by this company goes with the traditional bunk bed design—"fully insured and tested." According to Zanowski, due to budget constraints only a limited number of loft kits from the American Desk Co. could be ordered.

"The Collegiate Design Loft Bed and the American Loft Kit option are seen as a compromise between building a loft of your own design and no lofts at all," said Zanowski.

The college is also willing to provide some additional storage for students who have single room status. According to Zanowski, "A student who pays for a private could store half of the tradi-

tional room furniture; double rooms with two desks could store one desk."

The rumors of alterations in housing, including co-ed dorms, Lake Banet Housing, and renovations have hit the campus like wildfire. According to Bill Maniscalco, Vice President of Student Affairs, there are many proposed ideas pertaining to the improvement of residence halls.

One proposal includes removing one dorm out of circulation for a year in order to completely revamp that specific residence hall.

According to Zanowski, another proposal is to have a Wellness Residence Hall which is being researched by the Alcohol Awareness Peer Educators. "The halls targeted for the SJC wellness concept include Gallagher and Halas. Wellness is defined as the active process and training through which a person becomes fully aware of and makes choices leading toward a fulfilling life. Wellness considers the "whole" person and the quality of life among several dimensions including: physical, mental/emotional, and family-social. A Wellness residence hall may include a smoke free environment, an exercise area, a resource center, and health promotion programming—i.e., jogging club, stress reduction seminar, nutrition programs, etc.," said Zanowski.

The revamping of the existing residence halls and the wellness residence hall are just two proposals of many still being researched.

Racing Tips for Little 500

by Ed Balas

Guest Commentary

Ah, the smell of burning rubber, gasoline, and Bratwurst, nothing like Little 5. This event drew my attention (and later my pocketbook) to Saint Joe's some 6 or 7 years ago. Back when my brother Tony was going here I would visit and drool at the thought of racing karts through the "Streets" of Saint Joe. A few years later, I decided that St. Joe was the place for me, and that I was going to do more than just sit and drool.

Five years later, I'm sitting here facing my last year as a student driver, and I'm constantly asked two things: "Are you going to win," and "How do you prepare for the race?" In response to the first question there is clearly only one answer, "Boy, I hope so." The response to the second question is a bit more involved.

Kart preparation for myself and the rest of the members of Friendly Ghost Racing is a bit different than the majority of other contenders in this year's race in that we are also kart owners. This places us in position of more control, yet it also gives us the headache of having to finance the whole deal. Without sponsors, we would be nothing. So, we attempt to treat our sponsors as well as possible. For the aspiring drivers, this means that you have to do the following.

On initial contact you must have a clear plan and some written literature of what you or your team plan to do. Not just during the race but more specifically why you need the sponsors' help and what will this help, usually money, be used for. If you have raced before, include a photo of the team or kart and a copy of your race program. Treat the sponsorship as an advertising opportunity for the sponsor. Once we get a sponsor we make our best efforts to retain this sponsor by sending photos, race programs, and a letter of thanks to all of our sponsors a few days after the race.

With a bit of luck and hard work you will be able to finance a "ride" via either renting or owning.

With that all said and done let's look at the fun stuff, getting ready for the actual race. Work on my kart began over spring break, with a voyage to the delightful Detroit Metro area where I picked up my new baby, a cheerful yearling chassis clad in purple and white, with but two races under her tires. The majority of the work can be grouped under the description of "giving your kart some lovin" (thanks Faith). This entails cleaning, measuring and just getting to know the kart. You should know that thing better than your significant other. After all would you trust your significant other to carry you at over 50 mph with your buttocks precariously positioned only 3 inches above the asphalt?

In regards to the pit crew, do not choose a bunch of drunkards. You will just give them a bad hangover. Keep in mind that the race is almost 3 hours long and can be quite bumpy. Best bet--get a good night's sleep and stay clean for a day or so.

The rest is a trade secret until I graduate. Oh, except one thing, racing is fun and should remain that way. That is why we do it. I hope this bit of rambling can enlighten you and hopefully encourage you to participate in the race in one form or another. Fast Eddie

*Look for the Special Edition
on Little 500
next issue!!!!!!*

Seniors Turn to the Future

by Shannon McDonald

The end is approaching and the time is coming when the members of the class of 1996 will be heading off into the real world. The decisions that lay ahead of them can effect the rest of their lives. The question is, are they going to dive into life or slowly wade in. There are a lot of different ideas on St. Joe's campus as to which way is the "right" way into the real world.

Many of the seniors on campus are looking to continue on with their education. Mary Kilmurry plans on entering medical school after graduation. Harvey Culver plans on continuing his education, "I am going back home to England to hopefully attend grad school." Kurt Krouse's plans include "attending University of Kentucky working towards admission to medical school."

There are also those seniors who have their plans for the summer after graduation all

set for them. Steve Errington said "I will be returning to Toledo, Ohio to teach tennis for the summer. Hopefully a school district will entrust their youth to me in the fall." Another senior with high hopes for the summer is Mike Swanson who hopes "to be selling hot dogs on a sunny beach with my dog, Weiser."

Many of the senior class plan on moving back home after graduation. Brian Fields says that he "will be moving back to Memphis to assist the underprivileged." Then there is Mike Olsen who plans on "going back home to Tinley Park, Illinois to start a career and start a family with someone special."

There are many seniors who are uncertain as to what they will be doing after graduation, like Lali Morfin who wants to "go back to East Chicago and find a job. I am currently sending out resumes."

On the other hand, there are those who have life after graduation carefully mapped out. Ed Balas says, "I will be going to Los Alamos, New Mexico where I've accepted a graduate research position at Los Alamos National Laboratory. I hope to do some hiking in the mountains, build some robots, and explore aspects of Native American culture."

Some students are simply looking forward to graduation. Michelle Eberle commented that she is "not sure what I'll be doing, but I am extremely excited to be finishing school and getting on with my life."

Nearly every senior is excited to graduate. But there are those who will never get enough of St. Joe's like Jim Sacco who is looking forward to "coming back to live with my roommate. I will be the scourge of Noll hall. Then I will enter a seminary."

The Zimmer Reviews



by Brian Zimmer

In a world where 90% of all radio listeners are passive, it's nice to know that there is still a place where the music matters most. That place is college radio and all over the country it is supporting the lesser known bands and the tiny labels that support them.

A little over a year ago WPUM was, as many people had dubbed it, an electronic sandbox. The station had no format which means that at any hour you could hear one of ten different types of music. The on-air talent had very little training and discipline and the overall reputation of the station was a bit shaky, to say the least.

Today, under the direction of long haired, hippie freak, Peter Haring, WPUM has a mission. Following the wishes of a survey given to the student body a year ago, WPUM follows a loose Rock n' Roll format. If it has anything remotely to do with Rock n' Roll it can be played.

Some people still don't understand that in order to best serve an audience, a station must be somewhat regimented in its musical selections. Because we follow a format, we are able to report to a trade magazine called CMJ. Now that we do this, record labels send us the newest music first so that we can play it for our audience.

Remember hearing No Doubt on WPUM in late October/early November? What about Spacehog? You see, college radio is about getting the artists first and staying loyal to them for the remainder of their career. It is the antithesis of commercial radio where you have a million and one hit wonders.

Whether it be a Rock/Country artist like Steve Earle or the hard hitting and always inventive (my favourite) Archers of Loaf, WPUM and college radio is the place to get the best new Rock n' Roll.

Here's some new stuff that is not Bush, so it's probably not worth your time!

Love Nut, "Bastards of

Melody" After being one of five people to see them at The Patio this summer and after buying their CD so they would have gas money to get to Iowa, I feel like I have a personal stake in this band. This 3 piece band doesn't let anybody down with their first major label release. Bastards of Melody is a straight ahead, warp factor 7 approach to Pop-Rock. It includes great harmony, entertaining lyrics, and a Cover tune ("Green Tambourine"). Although this formula has been tried many times before, it doesn't take away from this effort by a pretty cool bunch of cats. Check out the songs, "She won't do me" and "Into Battle". Originality: 6.7 Sound Quality: 6.7 Musicianship: 7.4 Overall: 7.1

Killing Joke "Democracy" Being new to the Killing Joke scene, I think that there are things I'm missing. These guys have been around for quite a few years (17) and have re-invented themselves more than a few times but are still building on their loyal fan base. On "Democracy," Killing Joke deliver social commentary on society's overall intellect, elections, freedom, and, of course, democracy. Killing Joke still manage to make great music in long and dramatic fashion, building into an all out head bang fest by the time each song is over. Democracy has a sister album out right now and it is called "Filth Pig", by Ministry. If it weren't for the fact that I just heard this album a few weeks ago, I would enjoy it even more. That doesn't change the fact that I choose to listen to this album while I'm driving away from SJC on the weekends. The inclusion of lots of acoustic guitar wins points with me, as do the witty lyrics and diversity of the vocals. Killing Joke are quickly making themselves the masters of a concept album, something that takes immense talent, dedication and foresight, and they prove it with this album. Originality: 7.3 Sound Quality: 6.9 Musicianship: 7.7 Overall: 7.3

Three other albums to take a good hard listen to, are Beatrice Nine with the album, "Little Stars Hung Upside Down," Superdrag "Regretfully Yours," and June, with, "I am Beautiful."

Puma Networking: Finding Available Jobs

by William Shannon

Networking, simply put, is the effective use of the inexhaustible resource of other people. By building interpersonal communication webs, horizons are broadened and new opportunities present themselves.

This sort of communication takes place at Saint Joseph's College through the Offices of Parent and Alumni Relations and Career Planning and Placement. These offices provide students and alumni with the resources to communicate with others and create opportunities.

The resources that are available to students are extensive. Chris Primeau, Director of Parent and Alumni Affairs, stated that her office keeps records of all students, parents and alumni. These records include each person's name, address, phone number, their major and their current field of endeavor. This database, along with another in the Office of

Career Planning and Placement, are available for students and alumni looking for career advice and possible leads for jobs.

The process involved in this networking is simple. First, a student or an alumnus comes to either of the Offices that have databases, and a search can be done for that person. The search can be by geographic area, the major of the desired contact person or the particular goal that the searcher had in mind. Then the names and addresses and other vital information about the contacts are given to the student or alumnus that requested them. A form letter is given to the person who requested the information. This letter introduces the searcher and what field of endeavor they are in. It asks the recipient for information, help, advice or leads on jobs in their area of interest.

An article on the subject of career networking was recently published in the Saint Joseph's College alumni magazine, Contact. It deals with

alumni and alumni affairs, and would be a valuable resource for students and alumni alike for networking.

Does this program work? According to Chris Primeau, it most certainly does. Primeau states that they have, in her years in the Office of Parent and Alumni Affairs, never had a bad experience with anyone. "Pumas like to help other Pumas," said Primeau of the program.

Chris Primeau and Chris Keith both encourage students and alumni to use this service. The Office of Parent and Alumni Affairs can be found next to the Office of the President and across from the Office of the Registrar in McHale Hall, and the Office of Career Planning and Placement is located on the third floor of Halleck Center.

Pumas have one of the greatest resources for career networking: other Pumas. Through the use of networking, careers can be started.

Athletic Profile: Steve Errington gives 110% on and off court

by Jill Peterson

Throughout his college career at Saint Joseph's College, Senior tennis player Steve Errington has never accepted anything less from himself than to give 110 percent of his ability and talent while he is playing his favorite game. Having played as the number one singles and doubles player since his freshman year, Errington has considerably improved his tennis strategy and technique due to dedication and love for the game.

The English major, and Toledo, Ohio native has only been playing since his freshman year in high school. "My mother was my major influence when I started to play. She always has tried to encourage me to play any sport that I was interested in. We belonged to a club, which sparked my attraction for the game, and I just played more and more after she bought me a racket," Errington remembered.

Not only is Steve's love for playing carried out for the Puma's tennis team in the Fall and Spring, his competitiveness is shown throughout the summer when he is involved in Mid-

west regional tournaments. "I play in adult leagues and several tourneys to elevate my playing level. Last year I advanced to the state tournament in the Men's singles category," he noted.

According to Coach John Barrientos, who has observed Errington's game for the past four years, he has the

continued, "His mechanics and fundamentals are superb. Steve really knows the movements of tennis and executes them nicely."

Barrientos also commented, "We are going to have a hard time replacing Steve, who is a captain along with Junior teammates Jude Clover and Darren Haas. His person-

As far as this season is concerned, Steve is disappointed because it is his final span of playing time in which he will be given the opportunity to contribute his talents and achieve any further goals. "This is the best team that we have had since I have been at Saint Joseph's.

regular season and in tournament play," he commented.

His tennis hero, retired Frenchman Yannick Noah, is a man whose manner Errington claims he has always tried to attain. "Noah always had fun when he was playing, even if he was losing. I attempt to emulate his motto: 'Tennis isn't a task, it's a game,'" Errington remarked.

Steve is not only involved in playing tennis, he also enjoys writing, traveling, reading, playing other sports, and brewing beer. His broad arrangement of activities will serve him well in the future, when he continues to educate other students. "I would like to assist as many players as I can to learn to play the game. In the summer, I am an instructor at the club that I belong to. This Fall, I anticipate coaching a girl's high school team," Errington said.

Barrientos has faith, based on Steve's college performance that he will be successful in the working world after he graduates. "He will make a fantastic teacher and coach at any school. His motivation and determination to succeed in the game of tennis will easily carry over to any dreams that he hopes to obtain in his personal life after college," Barrientos added.



Photo by Rachel Hempel

best serve of any player to go through the tennis program at Saint Joseph's College. "Steve is very tough to beat when he is serving well. There is no way to stop his consistent rhythm when he is on!" Barrientos recognized. He

ality carries over on the court. With the talent that he possesses, I never once have seen him flaunt his capabilities. The attitude that Steve exemplifies is one of modesty and maturity. I respect that in a player."

There are solid players at lower positions, which other teams in the Great Lakes Valley Conference are not fortunate enough to have. I think we have an excellent chance to conquer in the conference both in

Men's tennis looking to beat last year's record

Coming off of a season which just broke .500, the teams think it can improve personal, as well as team, records.

by Kevin Collins

The Men's Tennis team has tightened up its rackets and are ready to play as they are getting the season underway. The Pumas

are coming off a season which was just better than five hundred last year when they went 8-7. Right now, they are in a good position to top that record for this season. They are currently 3-2 and are coming off their first shutout of the season against Olivet Nazarene University.

The team has reached their record of 3-2 by losing to the University of Chicago 3-6, defeating Northern Kentucky University 6-3, falling to SIU-Edwardsville 3-6, stomping Anderson College 8-1, and

shutting out Olivet Nazarene University 9-0.

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Coach John Barrientos is playing with a very strong lineup. He has a team of very

experienced players with two seniors, three juniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen on the team. Playing on the singles courts are seniors Steve Errington at #1 singles and Harvey Culver sometimes playing at #6 singles, juniors Jude Clover at #2 singles, Darren Haas at #4 singles, and Jon Chovanec at #5 singles, sophomore James Blinzinger at #3 singles, and freshmen Casey Kinnaman sometimes playing at #5 singles.

Then, pairing up for the doubles matches are Steve Errington and James Blinzinger at #1 doubles, Jude Clover and Darren Haas at #2 doubles, and at #3 it's Casey Kinnaman and Jon Chovanec.

Some individual bright spots for the Pumas have been Darren Haas and Steve Errington improving to 4-1 on the season, Jon Chovanec improving to 4-0, and James Blinzinger 3-2. The Pumas will return to action on the 9th of April as they travel to Fort Wayne to face the Mastadons.

"March Madness" hits Saint Joseph's Intramural Basketball

by Jim Wirtes

On Monday, March 18th the Intramural Basketball Championships were decided in Alumni Fieldhouse. "March Madness" hit the St. Joseph's campus hard in the way of three very exciting games.

The 1996 championship night began with the Women's League championship between undefeated and number one seed, K-Y Connection and the 6-4 FA-Q Again. A balanced scoring attack is what got K-Y Connection here with an undefeated record. With five All-Stars on this squad how could they possibly be stopped? Junior Jennifer Benedetti's nine points per game average, combined with Carrie Edgell and Andrea Dick chipping in eight and six points each per game almost assured them of the title.

FA-Q Again would counter with three All-Stars of their own. Sensational Seniors Erinn Smith and Jodie Firth, averaging fifteen and nine points respectively, had the experience, but how would the fabulous freshman and All-Star MVP Angie Moster, averaging thirteen points per game, handle the pressures of the big game?

This was definitely not the night for the K-Y Connection. Leading rebounder Mary Beckemeier fouled out late in the game and they found themselves behind. Their leading scorer, Benedetti, could manage just two points.

For FA-Q Again it was the same trio of Smith, Firth, and Moster who stepped up and led their team to the promised land. Firth ended with a team high eight points. Smith chipped in seven, while Moster had six. For K-Y Connection, it was Laurie Hammontree who stepped up when they needed

somebody, leading all scorers with nine points. Edgell added eight points in the defeat, the final of which was 29-25.

The second game pitted the 10-3 En Fuego squad led by Intramural Basketball freshman of the year candidate Al Frederick's 21 point scoring average, against the 9-4 Staff Infection squad made up of various coaches from the school. However, this powerhouse would be without leading scorer Kevin Furnish and his 23 point scoring average. They would look to Leslie Pottinger, who was hitting at a 19 point scoring clip. Who else would step up though? Would it be Mike Minelli, a streaky shooter, or would they look inside to the big men, Tom Riva and Brenden Flarrety?

Staff-Infection hung tough, mostly due to the 20 points of Pottinger. Riva added 10 points, while Flarrety and Minelli chipped in eight each. Flarrety fouled out late and Pottinger couldn't save them as En Fuego took the crown 58-52. En Fuego was led by Cody Hooker who had 16 points. Chris Crum had 15 points, while Frederick chipped in 13 points.

In the final game of the evening, it was Penetration versus The Skeezer Pleezers. Penetration came in with a record of 7-1, led by the veteran Brad Evans' 18 points per game and Jason Rozanski's 11 point per game. Penetration could also look to their other players like Chuck Carmody (11 pts/game) and Jason Quigg inside (9 pts/game).

On the other side were some eager Pleezers ready to take the title at all costs. They got here with a strong inside game, which was complemented by the

outside shooting of Scott Moore. Moore came into the game averaging 16 points a game. Inside it was every man for himself when Doug Giordano, Eric Ziolkowski, and Todd Dibkey hit the floor. This was by far the strongest front line in the league bar none.

Ziolkowski, the leading scorer was the most consistent with great moves inside and a touch off the glass like you wouldn't believe. Giordano's, Moore's, and Sophomore Brian Outlaw's penetrating abilities made this team very scary. With Outlaw's 13 point average and Giordano's 11 point average, this gave Skeezer Pleezers four players who av-

eraged in double figures. This was good, but they would have to play flawlessly to keep up with the consistent perimeter shooting of Penetration.

They didn't and Penetration came out, well, to borrow another man's line, "En Fuego". Evans hit from the outside, Rozanski hit in the lane, Jeff Weir stepped up his game and hit early and often. On the other end of the court, Skeezer Pleezers couldn't hit to save their lives.

Ziolkowski, one of the most consistent players was clearly off his game. Giordano and Dibkey both missed shots inside. Scott Moore even got off to a slow start outside. Before they could even blink, Skeezer Pleezers found them-

selves down 24-8.

The lead would stay between eleven and fifteen for a while until a second half run led by Outlaw and two three pointers by Moore got the lead into single digits. A couple baskets inside by the big men cut the lead to 41-35.

The game was marred by the ejections of the two leading scorers, Evans and Ziolkowski for technical fouls, but this didn't stop Penetration. Hitting key free throws down the stretch sealed the championship. The final score was 51-39.

Congratulations to all three of the 1996 Intramural basketball champions.

Puma baseball continues to rack up wins

by Erin Breetzke

Overcoming some pitfalls, the Saint Joseph's College baseball team has started the season on the right foot. The Pumas know that through hard work and dedication, the College World Series is just another step closer.

First year team captain, first baseman Dominic Horgeshimer, believes the team is doing well. He stated, "The competition is a lot tougher than last year, [but] the program has taken a step to being an elite team, and there is a lot of depth in the team," he added.

Just as the rest of the campus is plagued with the cold and flu, team members must also combat several injuries as well as the illness this season.

"It's had an inverse effect," Horgeshimer commented. "I don't think the injuries and illness will effect us. It's the whole depth thing. There's no pressure on one person, [and] guys who believe they can con-

tribute, have stepped up," he added.

Despite these setbacks, the team is not discouraged and continues to win. Since spring break, the Pumas have achieved a 8-1 record, beating Purdue 7-0, Indiana-Purdue University Indianapolis 15-3, and Bellarmine College 15-3. Most recently they have successfully completed three sets of double headers. The Pumas dominated Wisconsin-Parkside 15-1 and 9-0, Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne 11-10,

7-0, and Lewis University 5-1. They met their first conference loss to Lewis 2-1.

All indications show that the Puma baseball team is off to a promising start.

"Everything is starting to flow, [and] more games equals more experience," Freshman first baseman Mike Kashirsky stated. "We can't take things for granted. Every day is a new challenge."



Photo by Rachel Hempel

A new sign can be seen just above the outfield on the side of the fieldhouse.

Reflections of Faith Spring at last!



Photo by Jen Palecek

by Faith Sievers

Hey fellow chicas out there. Have you ever noticed that you have severely different interests than your male counterparts? For instance, they like stuff that they describe simply as "cool." By "cool" I'm sure they mean "mechanical and unnecessarily complex."

I'll give you an example. My fiance's a computer science major. Granted, he's remarkably adept at "surfin' the net" and programming, and millions of other computer geek things that I wouldn't be interested in even if I understood them. But I think what he really likes about his degree is the fact that he gets to work on extremely powerful computers.

Right now I'm borrowing his. It's plum full of Rom and Ram and Bytes and Megaherzes and various other items that enable a computer to kick (pardon my colloquialism here) data processing butt. It's probably capable of supervising the entire U.S. air-defense apparatus while simultaneously processing the tax return of every resident of

the Chicago-land area.

I use it mainly to write this column. This is an activity wherein (nice transition eh English majors?) I sit and stare at the large wall-sized screen for maybe an hour. Then (using only my index finger) I clumsily type something like:

BOYS ARE SILLY.

I then stare at this for another ten minutes without blinking. Upon having an inspiration, I amplify that original thought as follows: BOYS ARE REALLY SILLY.

This is absurdly simple work for my sugar booger's computer. It sits there humming impressively (and probably impatiently, I might add), bored to death, probably passing time between my labored key-pecks with brain teasing activities such as developing a stochastic process (including the somatic changes induced by habit and environment) for genetic change, or translating the complete works of Shakespeare into Yiddish by way of ones and zeros.

In other words, this computer is grossly overqualified to work for me. And yet soon (I guarantee it) my sweet cheeks will find an even more powerful computer to work on. He won't be able to stop himself. It'll be "too cool."

He'll overhear one of his fellow networking nerds (who'll be making forty thou. in two months) bragging about

his new gismo intensive item of hardware, with its billions of Megahertzes and instantaneous 3-D, color picture-loading capabilities. He'll become concerned that his "dinky little thing" is out-dated and Blam! New computer.

I'm not saying women haven't been involved with the development and use of some of this "cool" stuff, but I'm just saying--without men such "cool" stuff probably wouldn't exist (or be missed).

That's right. No space shuttle that guys can tinker with practically forever, occasionally get to work, and then use to place other complex mechanical objects into orbit, where they immediately break (which provides a great excuse to send the shuttle up again). Talk about male-heaven!

Other stuff that wouldn't be around are micro-brews, rocket booster-powered go-kart engines, nuclear weapons, and waterproof wristwatches that can withstand the pressure of twenty thousand leagues under the sea. Good thing guys like cool stuff, huh.

(I realize that I am making huge gender-base generalizations here, but every statement of fact in this article is either based on the results of scientific research, or I made it up. But you can trust me. My name-sake is FAITH.)

by Kathleen Brass

Who would have thought that in the middle of March it could snow? Along that same line, who would have thought that it could still be freezing out on the first day of Spring? I think that whoever allowed the weather to stay so bad for such a long time ought to be fired and someone who truly understands the concept of seasonal changes should be hired!

Actually, life really hasn't been so bad. On Monday, the temperature got up to 45 degrees. WHOOPEE! In reality, the weather has started to look up, and at least it hasn't snowed yet in this first week of April. By the time this paper has been delivered, the slightly frigid air outside may seem to be bearable.

I think God is trying to tell us something, because whenever it gets anywhere near 50 degrees, people start to wear shorts. Maybe God wants to keep us healthy and keeps it cold so that we will stay bundled up.

Looking at the bright side of things, it is possible to see the true colors of spring dawning just by looking around campus. After all, once again on the weekends, groups of individuals are traveling from dorm to dorm in search of the ultimate in parties.

In the depths of winter people seem to be more selective in their party headquarters so that they do not have to freeze while traveling from room to room. The newly warmed air has allowed more alternatives to where one may get intoxicated.

Another sign of spring

is the Little 500 posters scattered all around campus. Signs looking for volunteers and booth workers represent only one thing to the entire campus, Little 500! These posters symbolize the epitome of spring on Saint Joseph's College Campus: car racing, community meeting, and lots of partying!

Beyond the superficial signs of spring like the Little 500 paraphernalia and the party-goers, there are some other beautiful indications that spring is blossoming. For one, the fountain is back on. Even though it practically froze over a few weeks ago, this is a sign of renewing life for the entire campus.

As soon as the little air bubbles floating to the top of the water start to surface, spring will be confirmed....Of course, those little bubbles are a sign that the gold fish are back and alive. Just a side note, if anyone knows where the fish go in the winter I would love to know. This is yet another mystery of life at SJC.

Other indications of spring are the buds in the Grotto, the green grass all around campus, and the signs telling seniors all of the necessary things to do in order to graduate. Whoa! Yesterday it was winter (literally) and today it is spring.

Life seems to fly when your not paying attention to it! Capture all of the joys of spring while you can. No one knows when it will come again, especially with the kind of weather we have had lately.